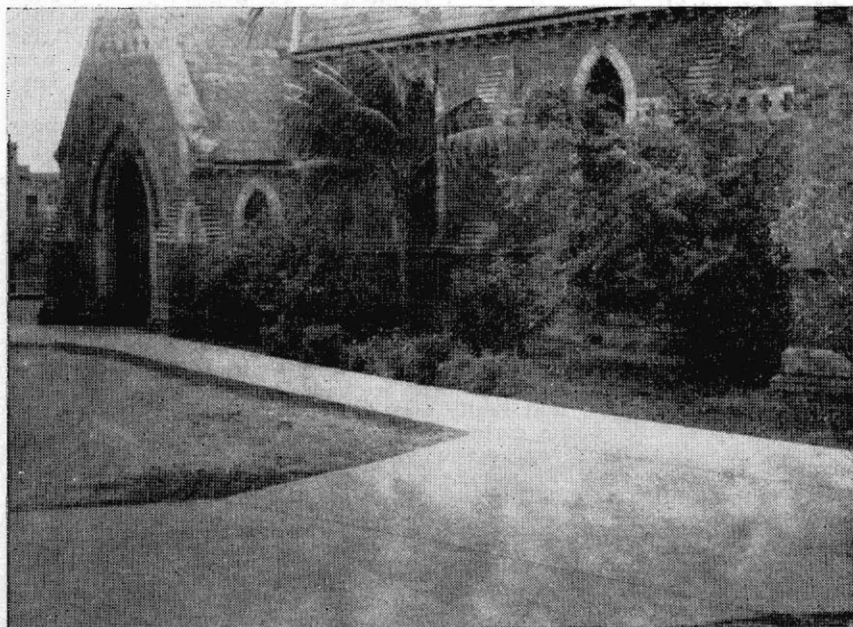


# *The Chronicle Of All Saints Petersham*

*The Friendly Church*

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IT'S YOUR CHURCH: WORK FOR IT, PRAY FOR IT, PAY FOR IT

## THE RECTOR'S LETTER

People of All Saints'

Here is a Parable from nature which applies to us all individually, and to the Parish of All Saints', Petersham. We might call it the parable of the lone tree. Many thousands of tourists visit Rotorua, New Zealand, every year to see the thermal areas there, and to take pictures of the geysers and hot coloured pools and other wonders of nature. These are wonderful and terrifying sights and the moist, sulphurous air hangs heavy over the land. One day one of the tourists tired of photographing the marked exhibits and travelling the appointed routes with the crowds, and so roaming off by himself, he climbed to the top of a small peak. There he came upon a dead tree standing alone on the rocky summit, silhouetted against a background of dark threatening clouds that often form over the lush valleys and hills of the North Island.

The picture of this lone dead tree with its gnarled, stumpy branches, leafless and stark, was in a collection he showed to his friends when he returned to his home. They all agreed that it was the most desolate-looking scene they could imagine. One of them, noticing the menacing clouds, even commented that the old tree probably went down in the coming storm and was not out of its misery.

But the man who took the picture would not agree that it was the scene of gloom. "It is inspiring", he insisted. To be sure, it was no "tree planted by the rivers of water". But neither is it like the chaff which is driven away by the wind. For this tree had curled its roots around the rocks among which it was seeded, and it stood its ground defying the tempest of the storm.

You may have seen just such a tree somewhere yourself. Once it was a tiny sapling. If only someone had transplanted it then to a more favourable surrounding and covered its roots deeply with rich, moist earth! But nobody did. The little tree wasted no time pitying itself. It put down its roots as best it could and grew where it was. Making full use of what encouragement the rocky soil gave, it kept lifting its head to the sky. And the taller it grew, the more exposed it became to the elements. And the more it was buffeted, the stronger its fibres became. Its crooked arms bore witness to many a wrestling match it won with the worst that nature threw against it.

We imagine that if the lush pine trees in the forest below could talk to us, they might say that they have drawn courage and faith from seeing that sturdy sentinel standing-up to the storm.

The scene to be sure looks desolate because the tree is dead, but it also is an inspiring scene because the tree bears many marks of the brave life that it lived. What we learn is about what counts in life. The fact that a person must struggle through life and finally die is not the important thing, but the way we meet the struggle. It's not what life hands us, but the way we live that life that counts. It's not what we might have done with what we wish we had, but what we actually did with what we received, that really matters.

God apparently wants certain trees and certain human lives to be planted not in lush, easy, green valleys but on rocky, windswept heights. Nowhere does He promise us uninterrupted ease in life. Some seem to be called to ride a stormy sea through life. If this perhaps describes us then what we need is not transplanting, but grace and grit to face the gale. What we need is the courage of an unbending faith in our God. Since he has called us to this life, what we need to do is roll up our sleeves, clench our fists, and dig in our heels and bravely face come what may.

For we know that our God is faithful, that He who established us on this course of life is able to see us safely to its conclusion, and in that knowledge we can live victoriously, though we seem to lose the battle.

May God be with you,

Yours sincerely,

C. A. CAMPBELL, Rector.

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**PERSONAL**

The congregation joins with the Parish Council and Rector in extending their heartfelt sympathy to our Warden, Mr. Bill Williams and the members of his family, in the loss of their beloved Wife and Mother, Mrs. Aileen Williams.

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**DISTRICT VISITORS**

With the distribution of this issue, we trust that our panel of District Visitors will be at full strength once again. However, if you know of anyone who misses out on their "Chronicle", please let Mr. A. Jones (56-5218) or the Rector know, and a copy will be delivered.

Unfortunately, Mrs. Robertson is still not well, and is staying with her son at Loftus for the time being. However, Miss Speight is out of Hospital, and we hope that both she and Mrs. Robertson will be able to resume District Visiting when their health permits.

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**68th FESTIVAL CELEBRATIONS**

**Special Events in August**

All parishioners past and present are cordially invited to join in the Services and special events to be held this month to mark the 68th Consecration Festival at All Saints'.

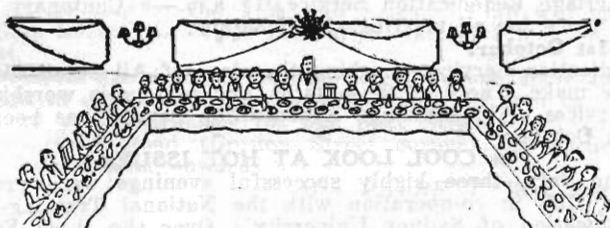
**Sunday 15th: Consecration Festival Services—**

Holy Communion, 8 a.m.

Family Service, 10 a.m.

Evensong, 6 p.m.

As this Sunday will be Education Sunday, special reference to Education will also be made.



**Friday 20th:**

Parish Tea, 6.15 p.m. Hot meal for 40 cents. Followed by a Programme in the Church and Parish Hall. Please watch for details of the Special Speaker.

Give thanks that we have had a debt-free, Consecrated Church at All Saints' for 68 years. Give thanks for those who enabled it to attain this holy state 68 years ago. Please join in our celebrations this month at All Saints'.

## CHURCH NEWS

**Evensong:** A reminder that Evensong will commence at 6 p.m. each Sunday this month, but will revert to the 7 p.m. start from 5th September. With the days getting a little longer and warmer, we look forward to greater support from parishioners for the Evening Services.

**Confirmation:** The Rector is conducting two Confirmation Classes one at the Rectory on Wednesdays at 7.30 p.m., and the other at Newington College on Thursday evenings. The Sacred Rite of Confirmation will be administered at All Saints' on Sunday, 10th October by Bishop F. O. Hulme-Moir, Assistant Bishop of the Diocese.

**Weekly Envelopes:** We have many sets of unused Weekly Envelopes that can be made available to parishioners willing to join our Freewill Offering System. Just ask the Church Officers for a set. The envelopes have two "pockets"—one for your weekly contribution to All Saints' funds, and the other for the missionary work of the Church beyond this Parish. They help you make your donations regularly, and give the Church a regular income.

The system is entirely confidential, and you are not asked to promise a set sum to the Treasurer.

**Deanery Dinner:** A very pleasant gathering was held at All Saints' last month when the clergy of the Petersham Rural Deanery (some 11 parishes) and their wives visited us. Our sincere thanks to the ladies who worked hard in serving the morning tea and luncheon.

**Centenary Fund:** With our Centenary Year drawing to its end, may we remind you of our appeal for the Centenary Endowment Fund. The monies received will be invested to provide interest to help the Church in times of financial hardship. All gifts will be most gratefully received by the Wardens.

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## COMING SPECIAL SERVICES

**Sunday, 12th September:**

Sunday School Centenary Service, 10 a.m.

Guest Preacher: Mr. Bruce Menzies of Channel 9.

(replacing the 11 a.m. Service for this Sunday)

**Sunday, 10th October:**

Confirmation Service, 7 p.m.

Conducted by the Right Rev. F. O. Hulme-Moir, Assistant Bishop of Sydney.

**Sunday, 24th October:**

Marriage Rededication Service, 11 a.m.—a Centenary Year Service for all married at All Saints'.

**Sunday, 31st October:**

Dedication Service—marking the close of All Saints' 100th year.

Please make a note of these dates, and join us in worship at these special Services. The Marriage Rededication Service has been changed from 10th October.

## A COOL LOOK AT HOT ISSUES

During July, three highly successful evenings were presented in the Parish Hall in co-operation with the National Training Group in Health Education of Sydney University. Over the three Fridays, we had attendances of between 55 and 100, mostly teenagers, and the enthusiasm engendered points to the need for more of such programmes.

We had a mixture of films, lectures, discussions and questions on such topics as "The Generation Gap", "Drug Use and Abuse" and "Sex Hang-Ups". Several doctors were present each evening to lead the group discussions.

We are grateful to the Training Group for arranging these programmes, and also for providing the suppers.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

I would like to welcome Laramie Elliott to the Kindergarten teaching staff. I am happy to report that the number of boys in the Senior Sunday School has increased during the last month, and as a result, another teacher is now required for this group.

**Grocery Stall:** This year, we are finding it very difficult to stock the Grocery Stall for the Fete. A few of the companies that gave or sold us their products cannot help this year. One month before the Fete, we will be asking for donations of canned goods for the stall, and if you can make a donation, it will be appreciated.

If you would like to help make jam for the stall, we will supply the ingredients. Please contact me at 560-9972 if you can help.

NOEL CRAGG, Hon. Secretary.

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### CLUB NEWS

#### Indoor Bowls Club:

The Club staged a reversal of form early last month and beat the competition leaders at home and drew with them away in the men's triples. This month sees the end of the mixed fours competition and we look like qualifying for the wooden spoon in this competition. However, the experience has improved the skills of our lady bowlers, and it has been well worth the effort.

The wide publicity given to the Pakistan refugees prompted us to send \$20 to the Austcare fund for their relief. It has always been the Club's policy to use its funds, where it thinks the need is greatest, and at the moment, there appears to be no more area more critical or deserving.

F. HEARN, Hon. Secretary.

#### Ladies' Guild:

The next meeting of the Guild will be held in the Guild Room on Tuesday, 10th August at 2 p.m.

On Tuesday, 14th September, we are arranging a "Bamboo Demonstration" at 10.30 a.m. in the Guild Room. We extend an invitation to all ladies to come along and see all the beautiful things made from Bamboo. A donation of 30c. will include morning tea.

E. M. BOSWARD, Hon. Secretary.

#### Y.M. and Friends' Club:

The next meeting of the Y.M. and Friends' Club will be held in the Y.C.I. Club Room, upstairs in the Parish Hall, at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, 10th August.

New members are urgently needed, so if you can spare the second Tuesday night in each month, please come along and join us.

We invite your patronage for our next Street Stall, to be held in New Canterbury Road (Gordon Street corner), on Saturday, 4th September, from 9 a.m. onwards.

IDA BARRETT, Hon. Secretary.

#### St. Luke's Centre:

We invite you to the St. Luke's Centre annual Card Party, to be held in the Parish Hall at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, 21st September. Everyone is welcome, and a most entertaining afternoon is assured. All for the same old donation of 30 cents.

#### Girl Guides:

Girls aged 10-15 years interested in activities such as hiking, games, and learning new skills are invited to join our Guide Troop, which meets in the Parish Hall each Thursday night at 7 p.m. Girls of all denominations are eligible.

We would also like to obtain the assistance of a lady over 19 years, interested in leading girls of the above age group. No previous experience in Guiding is necessary.

Please contact the Guide Captain in the Parish Hall on Thursday nights, or call the Rector.

**Young Churchmen's Institute (Y.C.I.):**

**Work Night:** The Y.C.I. Work Night held on **Friday, 2nd July**, proved to be a fruitful evening and we managed to clean up the Parish Room in the Rectory. At the July meeting of the Parish Council, special mention was made of the clean-up, and the Council's appreciation was expressed to those Y.C.I. members who helped out.

**Hobbies' Night:** A Hobbies' Night will be held on **Friday, 6th August**, and members are asked to prepare a short lecture of **about 15 minutes' duration** on their respective hobbies.

**Farewell:** All Y.C.I. members extend their best wishes to Mrs. Humphreys, and wish her safe travelling as she leaves on her holiday in Scotland. We will greatly miss her at this year's Fete, but we know she needs the rest.

**Senior Parishioners' Club:**

It is with much regret that we announce the death of Mrs. M. Graham of Stannore, a well known and much loved member of this Club for many years past.

At this time of year, we usually have a few cases of illnesses, but hope that within the next few weeks, our attendances will be back to normal.

We are always interested in increasing our membership and any ladies or gentlemen of any age are invited to visit us any Thursday at 1 p.m. in the Parish Hall at the rear of the Church for a Happy Social Afternoon at the low cost of just 20c.

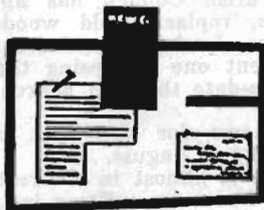
DOT. SHAW, Hon. Secretary.

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**SANCTUARY FLOWER ROSTER**

- August 1: Donated by Mr. and Mrs. Byrnes (Andreas St.) in memory of their Parents; and by Mrs. Humphreys, Allan and Lynette in memory of Mr. J. W. Humphreys; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- August 8: Donated by Miss Dobson in memory of her Sister, Miss Doris Dobson, by Mrs. D. Jones and family in memory of Mr. P. Jones, and by Mr. Sanderson, Joy and Lynette in memory of Miss Spiller; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- August 15: **Consecration Festival:** Donated by Miss I. Butt in memory of her Sister and Brother; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- August 22: Donated by Mrs. Hillery in memory of Mr. Bertram Hillery, by Mrs. I. Scott in memory of Mr. Norman Scott, and by Mrs. Waterfield and family in memory of Mr. Waterfield; arranged by Miss Nisbet.
- August 29: Donated by Mrs. Gordon in memory of Mr. Gordon, and from the daughters of Mr and Mrs. E. A. Hunt in their memory; arranged by Mrs. Clark.
- September 5: Donated by the family of Mrs. Elizabeth Jones in her memory, and by the family of Mr. and Mrs. Rankin in their memory; arranged by Mrs. Clark.

We also wish to acknowledge the donation of flowers on **Sunday, 18th July**, from Mrs. Shaw and Mrs. Mangan in memory of **Mrs. Shaw's Daughter, Mrs. Judith McPhee.**





## NEWS BRIEFS

● **Fete Meeting:** The next meeting convened by the Fete Committee will be held on Saturday afternoon, 14th August. It is hoped that at least one representative of each stall will be present, as a number of important matters will be discussed.

There are several ways in which all parishioners can do something now towards the Fete:

**Pottery:** Donations of any type, as well as antique items, are invited. All gifts will be gratefully received and may be left c/o the Rectory, marked for "Pottery Stall".

**Gift Stall:** Mrs. I. Clark is still needing left-over wool or material pieces which she can turn into saleable items for the Gift Stall. Can you help? Donations should be given to Mrs. Clark, or left at the Rectory, marked for Mrs. Clark.

**Books and Toys:** The Fellowship is in need of lots of both these items. For collection of books, phone Laramie Elliott (560-8201) or toys, Alan Granger (56-3298).

● Our best wishes go to Mrs. Humphreys as she embarks this month on her sea voyage back to Scotland. We wish her a safe journey, and lots of happiness on her holiday, and look forward to hearing of her travels in due course.

● **Parish Christmas Party:** The Parish Council has appointed Mr. Frank Hearn as convenor of the committee for the 1971 Parish Christmas Party. Suggestions for and participation in the evening's programme by all parish organisation are cordially invited.

● **Radios Repaired:** Mr. Paul Levy of our Parish Council wishes to put his hobby, electronics, to work for the Church, Paul will repair your defective radios, including transistors, with the proceeds going to Church funds. Equipment for repair may be given direct to Mr. Levy, to Y.C.I. members, or left c/o the Rectory.

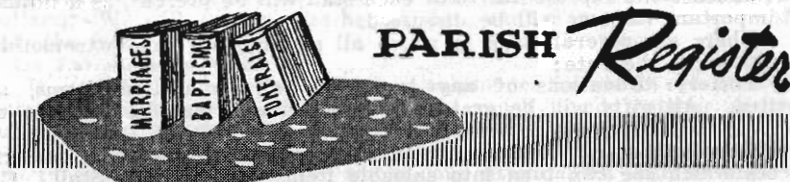
● **B.C.A. News:** The Rev. Canon Theo Hayman, at present Vicar of West Tamworth, will take up duties next month as Federal Secretary of the Bush Church Aid Society. He succeeds the Right Rev. G. B. Muston, recently appointed as Coadjutor Bishop of Melbourne. B.C.A. supporters are invited to the 1971 Rally at the Chapter House on Friday, 6th August, at 8 p.m. The Archbishop of Sydney will speak and show films of his recent tour of B.C.A. work in North-west Australia.

● **Fellowship Work:** A large work force of Fellowshipippers conducted a clean-up on Friday evening, 2nd July, extending as far as the Y.C.I. room, where they cleaned up some of the darker corners. They also completed a well-built wheelbarrow, which they will use to collect garden refuse from the church grounds; we are grateful to the Fellowship for their attention to the lawns and grounds, and also for the other work mentioned.

● **Repairs Approved:** The Parish Council has approved a new roller-shutter door for the garage, replacing old wooden doors now disintegrating through dry-rot; it has also been decided to provide a new incinerator, the bricks of the present one collapsing through age and much use. It is also proposed to up-date the sign boards at the church gates and in the front porch.

● **September "Chronicle":** Items for the next edition of the "Chronicle" will be due by Sunday, 22nd August.

● **Aircraft Noise:** The Church is almost in a direct line with the North-South runway at Mascot, and hence we suffer a lot from the noise of the low-flying jets. It is particularly bad during our 11 a.m. Services, because 12 flights, including six by big overseas jets, take off between 11 a.m. and noon each Sunday. We are joining the anti-noise campaign, and ask parishioners to fill in the report forms available from Church Officers. We will gladly post them in if you will fill in the details.



#### BAPTISMS

"One Lord, One Faith, One Baptism"

June 27: Michael Flynn McNally

June 27: Emma Louise McNally

July 18: Adrian Charles Harris

#### MARRIAGES

"Whom God hath joined together, let no man put asunder"

June 26: Mark Owen Milk to Judith Marie Philp

#### FUNERALS

"Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord; Even so, saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labours."

July 3: William Callaghan

July 8: Aileen Williams

July 13: Mabel Malinda Graham

July 19: James Sidney Connell

#### DISTRICT VISITORS

1971 Collections to 18th July

Miss Bayley \$20.30; Mrs. Carr \$10.80; Mrs. Cook \$25.66; Mrs. Hearn \$2.40; Mrs. Humphreys \$56.50; Mrs. Malone \$27.60; Mrs. Robertson \$17.70; Mrs. Smith \$11.80; Miss Speight \$6.30. (Note: Mrs. Hearn took over Miss Bayley's district from July, 1971.)

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